



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

6:30 PM

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Sood, Lippman.
Absent: Sim.
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 4).
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz.
Public Present: Helen Walsh.
2. Agenda Approval
 - a. Move items 8 and 9 to the end of the agenda.
3. Public Comment
 - a. None.

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 8/31/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to approve the minutes.
Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Sood; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Sim.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding CSBG 2022 Funding (Attachment B) – Staff
Public Comment: Helen Walsh supports funding the Dignity on Wheels Program with CSBG Discretionary Funding as long as the services are ADA accessible.
6. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff
 - a. McGee Avenue Baptist Church program and financial reports
Public Comment: Helen Walsh says that McGee’s program needs to be ADA accessible if they receive City funds and need to have data points, and that they cannot have blank reports with no demographic data. She notes that the budget will be informed by demographic data, and that disability and age and mental health status should be tracked.

Other Discussion Items

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a mechanism for City employees and service providers to communicate (Attachment D)– Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Public Comment: Helen Walsh says that there needs to be information sharing between the City and its contractors. There is no City accessibility department that is functioning and this is putting strain on advocates. Helen says that in order to resolve this issue, the City needs to hire people who know what they’re doing. Communication can avoid lawsuits for the City. Communications in contracts in the City are not working and we do not know how many people are turned away that request services if the data is not collected.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding senior housing and programs – Commissioner Bookstein
No action taken.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
No action taken.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding draft Council item “Requirements for Contracted Non-Profit Service Providers and Transparency of Grant Reports” – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachment E)
No action taken.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding draft Council item “Eligibility for Service as a Representative of the Poor” – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachment F)
No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding draft Council item “Accessibility and Availability of Materials on City Website” – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachment G)
No action taken.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding draft Council item “Accessibility Quality Assessment program to handle non-conforming public facilities and complaints from seniors and disabled people over substandard services or services not provided” (Attachment H)
No action taken.
14. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
No action taken.
15. Announcements
None.
16. Future Agenda Items
Secretary will bring an agenda item regarding the low-income representatives. Commissioner Bookstein is interested in scheduling a meeting with the COB Auditor.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Lippman) to adjourn at 8:32PM.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Sood; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Sim.

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 8/31/2022 Meeting
- B. CSBG 2022 Contract
- C. Program and financial reports from McGee Avenue Baptist Church
- D. Draft Council item “Project Wiki for City Staff and contracted agencies to share information”
- E. Draft Council item “Requirements for Contracted Non-Profit Service Providers and Transparency of Grant Reports”
- F. Draft Council item “Eligibility for Service as a Representative of the Poor”
- G. Draft Council item “Accessibility and Availability of Materials on City Website”
- H. Draft Council item “Accessibility Quality Assessment program to handle non-conforming public facilities and complaints from seniors and disabled people over substandard services or services not provided”

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